

**CLAIMS LISTING**

1. (Currently Amended) A food-coating composition comprising an aqueous copolymer poly(vinyl ester) dispersion ~~which comprises~~ consisting essentially of:
  - A) 100 parts by weight of a copolymer of from 40 to 95% by weight of vinyl esters of aliphatic saturated carboxylic acids, from 5 to 60% by weight of maleic esters and/or fumaric esters of monohydric aliphatic alcohols having a chain length of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> and optionally other comonomers[.]]; and
  - B) ~~from 0.1 to 1.0 parts by weight of an emulsifier, a stabilizer system consisting of:~~
  - C) ~~from 0 to 0.45 parts by weight of a cellulose ether, and~~
  - D) ~~an additional stabilizer consisting of 1 to 10% by weight of at least one polyvinyl alcohol having a degree of hydrolysis in the range from 85 to 90 mol % and a viscosity of from 2 to 70 mPa·s for the 4% by weight aqueous solution at 20 °C~~
    - 1) from 0.1 to 1.0 parts by weight of an emulsifier;
    - 2) from 0 to 0.45 parts by weight of a cellulose ether; and
    - 3) from 1 to 10 % by weight of at least one polyvinyl alcohol having a degree of hydrolysis in the range from 85 to 90 mol % and a viscosity of from 2 to 70 mPa·s for the 4% by weight aqueous solution at 20 °C.
2. (Currently Amended) The food-coating composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dispersion ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of, as vinyl ester of aliphatic saturated carboxylic acids a vinyl ester of aliphatic saturated carboxylic acid with chain length C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>.
3. (Currently Amended) The food-coating composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dispersion ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of the vinyl esters of aliphatic saturated carboxylic acids in an amount of at least 50% by weight.
4. (Currently Amended) The food-coating composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dispersion ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of, as maleic and fumaric esters of monohydric aliphatic alcohols of chain length C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>, esters of saturated alcohols of chain length